REPORT, &c.

OF THE

EDINBURGH EYE INFIRMARY,

1, Elder Street, St James' Square.

1836.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

PHYSICIAN.

Dr Craigie, 43, Queen Street.

SURGEON.

Alexander Watson, Esq., 51, Queen Street.

APOTHECARY.

J. F. Macfarlane, Esq., North Bridge.

CUPPER.

Mr Cafe, 11, Elder Street.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

James Tod, Esq., W.S., 21, Dublin Street.

On the 18th day of January 1836, the First General Meeting of the Contributors to, and Friends of, the Edinburgh Eye Infirmary, was held at the Institution. Robert Johnston, Esq. in the chair.

Mr Watson stated to the Meeting the number of Patients who had received the benefits of the Institution, and the Treasurer gave an abstract of the state of the Funds. The following Report was then unanimously agreed to by the meeting, to be printed and circulated, together with the Resolutions appended to it.

REPORT OF THE EDINBURGH EYE INFIRMARY.

THE EDINBURGH EYE INFIRMARY, having for its object the relief of persons labouring under Diseases of their Eyes, was commenced about eighteen months ago, on a plan similar to Institutions having the same objects in view in most other large towns in the Empire. Patients are admitted daily to receive advice and medicines; and those cases requiring operations for the restoration of sight, are admitted as Hospital Patients—two small Wards, having two beds in each, being kept for this purpose.

This Institution was commenced, and has been hitherto carried on, by the exertions of Mr Watson and his friends. The number of Patients who have received the benefits of the Institution since its commencement, on the 1st July 1834, to 1st January 1836, has been **855.** Of these, only *twenty-one* have required to be admitted as IN-PATIENTS, for the purpose of having operations performed for the restoration of their sight; consisting of *seventeen* for cataract, and *four* for artificial pupil. Of the seventeen persons operated on for cataract, five had both of their eyes operated on, making *twenty-two* operations for cataract. Of these operations, *fourteen* were completely successful in restoring the sight of the individuals, so that they could see to read; two were partially successful; six were unsuccessful. Of the unsuccessful cases, in two, the cataracts were removed, and the eyes soon got well; but the operations failed in restoring sight, in consequence of disease of the optic nerves, which was previously known to exist, so that the operations were performed at the entreaty of the patients, not from any hope of success. Other three of the unsuccessful cases proved so from inflammation, which destroyed the eyes; and one died from a disease of the brain, to which he had been subject.

Two of the cases operated on for artificial pupil were successful, the other two unsuccessful; the latter having been very complicated and unfavourable cases for the attempt.

The operations above alluded to were witnessed by many of the Edinburgh professional gentlemen, and those students who attended the Institution.

The other cases treated at the Eye Infirmary, consisted of all the different forms of Diseases of the Eye. Many of them were in imminent danger of losing their sight, while others were relieved from painful and troublesome diseases, which unfitted them for their usual occupations.

Number of Cases admitted, . .		855
Of these cured, . . .	602	
relieved, . . .	93	
incurable, . .	68	
irregular in attendance,	48	
died from another disease,	1	
operations recommended, but not consented to, .	20	
still under treatment,	23	
	855	855

STATE OF THE FUNDS.

Total receipts, . . .	£135 8 11½
Total expenditure,* . .	119 12 10½
Leaving a balance of .	£15 16 1

Of the sum received, it is deserving of remark, that £7 : 9s. were contributed by Patients who had received benefit from the Institution; and £7 : 7s. from the fees of Medical Students.

Edinburgh, 18*th January* 1836.

RESOLUTIONS.

* Of this expenditure, about £45 were laid out on furniture, beds, &c. for the Institution.

RESOLUTIONS.

I. That this Institution, denominated the EDINBURGH EYE INFIRMARY, which has been commenced and carried on with so much advantage to the Public, be continued.

II. That contributions, in aid of its funds, be solicited from the Public.

III. That Contributors of 5s., or more, annually, be considered Members of the Institution, and entitled to vote at the annual election of Managers, as well as to recommend patients to the benefits of the charity.

IV. That an annual meeting of the Contributors shall be held on the 3d Monday of January, to receive a report of the affairs of the Institution for the preceding year.

V. That, at the annual meeting, a President and six Ordinary Managers, in addition to the Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons for the time being, be elected, to direct and superintend the affairs of the Institution; two of the six Ordinary Managers to go out annually by rotation, but may be re-elected.

VI. That the appointment of all Office-bearers of the Institution shall be by the President and Ordinary Managers.

VII. That Physicians and Surgeons of the Institution must be resident Fellows of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh.

VIII. That the following Gentlemen be requested to be Managers for the ensuing year—

President.

Ordinary Managers.

The PRESIDENT of the COLLEGE of PHYSICIANS.
The PRESIDENT of the COLLEGE of SURGEONS.
Dr J. H. DAVIDSON.
W. NEWBIGGING, Esq.
BAILIE DONALDSON.
ROBERT JOHNSTON, Esq.
Dr JOHN STUART.
JOHN HAMILTON, Esq. W.S.

It was thereafter moved, and unanimously agreed to, that the best thanks of the Meeting be given to the office-bearers, and particularly to Mr Watson, for his valuable services and handsome donation to the Institution.

N.B.—Medical Practitioners are admitted to witness the practice of the Institution; Medical Students are also admitted, on payment of a small fee to its funds.